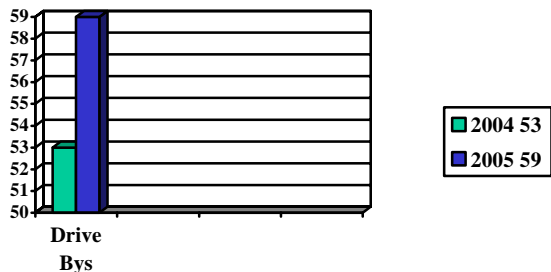


# Community Newsletter

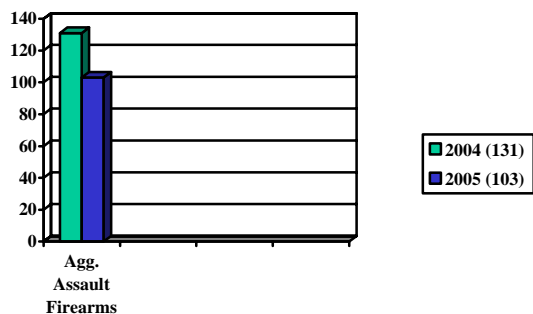
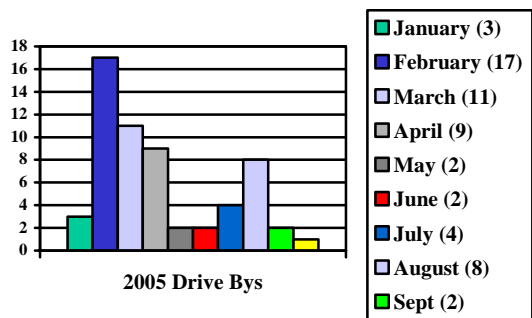
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### Recent statistical data on drive bys and aggravated assaults

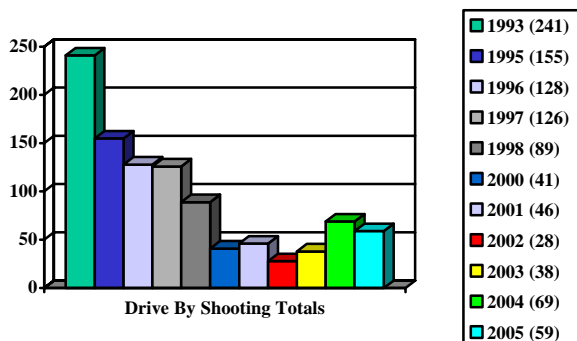


During the month of September the City of Wichita experienced two drive by shootings, both gang related. Since June of 2005 the Targeted Offender Program has been operating in conjunction with the Gang Unit. Their job duties include monitoring gang members and violent offenders who are on parole or probation, by tracking their activities and status of their restrictions. Thus far the Targeted Offender Unit has assisted in the revocation of the parole, probation or bond restrictions of 145 documented gang members. This means 145 gang members have been sent back to prison due to their inability to follow the rules of their parole.

Since March of 2005, the gang unit has tracked information involving gang related activities. A total of 387 gang members have been arrested for misdemeanor and felony crimes and 118 guns have been seized from gang members. Out of those arrests, 118 gang members have been charged with new felony crimes, including 11 charged in Federal Court for firearms violations. A total of 42 community presentations have been conducted throughout Wichita to help educate citizens about gang activity and what you can do to help. These efforts could not be possible without the continuing information the WPD receives on a daily basis from citizens who want to make a difference in their neighborhood.



On September 20, a gang coalition steering committee meeting took place. Those in attendance decided to hold another meeting before making the decision to go forward with a committee. On October 27, 2005 at 7:00 pm, the committee will meet again. The meeting will take place at Immanuel Baptist Church, located at 1415 S. Topeka. For more information on the meeting, contact Gayle Tenbrook at [gtenbrook@ibcwichita.com](mailto:gtenbrook@ibcwichita.com) or 262-1452. You are encouraged to attend the



meeting and share your opinions on gang issues in your neighborhood.

Recently the SCAT hotline was moved to the Gang Unit. 267-SCAT is still the number to contact if you have information about drug or gang activity in your neighborhood. Callers may leave a message in English or Spanish and your information will be totally anonymous if you choose.

Recently new graffiti was observed in the area of 18<sup>th</sup> and Waco. The graffiti was gray in color and was a representation of the MS 13 gang. The MS 13 gang is an extremely violent gang in other parts of the United States, this is the first time the Wichita area has experienced this type of activity. If you have any information about this gang please call Lt. Jeff Easter at 268-4298. We need to communicate and work together to keep this particular gang from establishing turf in the Wichita area. In the coming months I will provide information about this gang in the newsletter.